

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GOLDEN WEST RESTAURANT, LOYALTON, CA
Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:15 p.m.**

Board of Directors
Einen Grandi, Chairman
Greg Ramelli, Director
Jim Roberti, Director
Paul Roen, Director
Tom Rowson, Director
Michael Sanchez, Director
Don Wallace, Director

MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Grandi called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Directors present: Roberti, Rowson, Wallace, Sanchez, Roen, Ramelli

Directors absent: None

Also present: Kristi Jamason, Laurie Marsh, Katie Tanner, Jerry Sipe, Randy Wilson, Susan Wilson, Mike Grashuis, Mary Randall, David Prentice, and Tim Beals.

2) PUBLIC COMMENT - limited to 5 minutes per speaker

Mike Grashuis commented on the importance of the Board understanding SB 1391 and its amendments.

3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AS READ/DISTRIBUTED FOR 7/10/17

Director Roberti made a motion to approve the minutes for 7/10/17, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

4) REPORTS

A. 2013 Minutes

The 2013 minutes are missing, both electronically and in printed form. Director Roen will go through his filing boxes to see if he has copies.

B. Fundraising for Artificial Groundwater Recharge Study - Kristi Jamason

Jamason reported that Lucy Blake is currently on vacation, but when she returns she will be touching base with those she'd originally talked to about funding.

C. Ken Schmidt Technical Report

The 2015-2016 final report is now on the SVGMD website and the District has a hard copy on file.

D. Basin Boundary Modification Request System

DWR's Basin Boundary Modification initial notification period opened on July 1st. The secretary contacted Michelle Dooley of DWR to discuss the removal of the sliver area that's currently considered part of the Sierra Valley Subbasin, but is outside of the District's jurisdiction. Dooley responded that DWR will not be making administrative geologic edits at this time, but if the District still wanted to pursue the change it could request an external boundaries modification. To do this, the District would need to submit a Scientific Modification to be reviewed by DWR that would require a stamped geologic/hydrologic study or report to support the modification.

Randy Wilson noted Burkhard's study is not stamped, but that Wilson will talk to him about getting it stamped. Mary Randall shared that Debbie Spangler thought the District might have enough information on file to apply for the modification.

E. Technician report - Jay Huebert

Huebert was unable to attend the meeting, but sent the meter readings with Director Grandi (on file). The readings showed well levels for this summer and August levels for the last six years. All readings are higher than they've been in a while.

1. Meter Repairs/Purchases

D&S Ranch – DMS #69 has a new McCrometer meter

DMS #70 has no meter and is not being used

Potter 8 Ranch – DMS #66 repaired and back on

KT Hay and Cattle – DMS #84 4" meter has been installed and is working

XI Ranch – Bryan Williams had a 12" meter on DMS #61 but has changed the pipes and will now need a 10" meter.

2. Troll (Pressure Transducer) Data Collection

Burkhard and Huebert pulled the data logger from MW1D on July 2, but couldn't load the data because the batteries did not have a charge. Burkhard called the company about servicing/calibrating these mini-troll 100 data loggers, but the company no longer builds or services that model. Burkhard will begin researching new transducers models and prices.

5) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

A. JPA Amendment

Director Sanchez would like this amendment to be taken to both Counties' Board of Supervisors for approval. The amendment will provide an agreement between the District and both Counties that the SVGMD Board will make approval decisions on large capacity well applications via public hearings and scientific proof.

Director Sanchez made a motion to send the revised amendment to Plumas and Sierra Counties for review, Director Roen 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

B. New Water Well Permits Ordinance

No action taken.

C. Large Capacity Well Management Charge Resolution

Director Ramelli made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-05 as amended and to set the public hearing date for September 11, 2017, Director Sanchez 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

D. GSP Planning Grant – Kristi Jamason

Jamason reported that DWR intends to have the final grant requirements posted by the end of this month. A list of FAQ and all the public comments DWR has received on the GSP Planning Grant draft have been published. The secretary emailed Mary Randall to ask if awarded grant money could be used for retroactive work to pay the grant application writer. Randall responded via email: "Unless the language in the final PSP is different, costs incurred after July 1, 2017 to prepare the application would be eligible for reimbursement (as long as the costs complied with the in the Guidelines)."

Randall also attended this meeting and commented that there is a grant available for severely disadvantaged communities that will provide up to \$1 million dollars in funding for District needs, such as the installation of meters and pressure transducers.

Jamason spoke with Uma Hinman about the District's finances, but Hinman doesn't believe she can front the work and be paid later. She suggested asking bigger grant firms if they would be willing to work under those conditions. Grandi suggested asking Hinman if she will write the grant application for the \$7,500 the District has budgeted, and then if the grant is awarded she would be paid in full.

Director Roen made a motion to offer Uma Hinman \$7,500.00 to begin writing the grant application, Director Roberti 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

E. Inactive Wells Committee

Grandi would like to form a committee to start making plans for inactive wells. A committee will be formed at the next board meeting.

F. GSP Required Plan Elements

This item has been tabled until the next board meeting.

G. Liability Insurance

The secretary has received the 2017-2018 liability insurance application. The policy will cost an estimated \$3,110.00 for coverage. The Board would like the secretary to send in the application and move forward with financing the policy.

H. New website

The secretary has been contacted by a website company designed specifically for special districts. It will be helpful in keeping the District compliant with state regulations and public transparency and will also allow the secretary to make website changes when needed. The fees are based on the District's annual budget, so the current rate would be \$50 per month.

Director Ramelli made a motion to switch the District to the new website company Streamline, Director Sanchez 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

6) CORRESPONDENCE LOG

A. Plumas County Special District Association – Free training on August 16, 2017 in Quincy from 12 - 3 p.m.

7) CASH BALANCE/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A. Finance report - \$21,368

B. Bills received for payment

- 1. Ken Schmidt - \$8,304.19**
- 2. Technoflo – \$703.86**
- 3. Meter Technician**
 - a. Wages - \$200**
 - b. Mileage - \$71.50**
- 4. Secretary - \$850**
- 5. Public Notices**
 - a. Mountain Messenger – \$33.75**
 - b. Portola Reporter - \$30**
- 6. State Fund – estimated \$867**

7. Alliant – estimated \$3,110

8. Website - \$50

Ratification to pay all bills as presented. Director Sanchez made a motion to approve, except only pay Ken Schmidt \$1,000.00, Director Rowson 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 9:14 PM.

Jenny Gant, Secretary